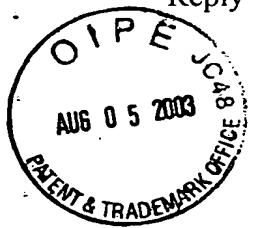


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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/comments begin on page 8 of this paper.